

Sex Offender Classification Board Meeting

Minutes

January 7, 2004 12:30 p.m

In Attendance: Pamela Huntsman, and Moscelene Sunderland members; Kathy Baird, assistant.

Gary Horton, chair and Thomas Hearn, member, joined meeting via teleconference.

Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

Review of the October 24, 2003 meeting minutes, and financial report was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Administrative Rules

Comments have been received by the SOCB in opposition to conducting polygraphs in conjunction with post-conviction/pre-sentence psychosexual evaluations. Heidi Hart from SANE is concerned about 5th Amendment violations, and feels that polygraphs should be reserved for use during sex offender treatment. Mr. Hearn received a letter from Kim English, Colorado Dept of Public Safety, indicating that Colorado routinely conducts polygraphs with post-conviction/pre-sentence psychosexual evaluations.

Discussion comments:

- ◆ As long as the polygraph is conducted after the offender's finding of guilt, 5th Amendment concerns are not an issue.
- ◆ An informed consent should explain that the polygraph is being conducted as part of the psychosexual evaluation. The offender has the option to decline the polygraph.
- ◆ Polygraphs are optional in Washington. However, the Washington chapter of ATSA mandates their use.
- ◆ Perhaps evaluators could benefit from education in the procedures/use of polygraphs. A procedural outline could be developed for distribution.

The meeting was moved into Executive Session at 1:00 pm.

- ◆ Sex offender case review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(h) and I.C. 18-8315.
 - ◆ Inmate William Lightner, #41438 was designated as a violent sexual predator.

The meeting returned to Regular Session at 1:45 pm.

Miscellaneous Business

- ◆ There was a brief review of the draft evaluator application form.
- ◆ The next SOCB meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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